

Community News

Elba Chamber of Commerce holds annual banquet



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR...Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) is captured above with Everett Kelley, president of Kelley Foods of Alabama. Kelley Foods was the recipient of the Business of the Year Award last Thursday night at the Elba Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet. As Mayor Grimes presented the award to Kelley Foods, he referred to the business as a real success story for the City of Elba.



AWARD WINNERS...Several awards were presented to chamber volunteers and businesses at the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce Banquet which was held last Thursday evening. Sept. 28. Award recipients included (from left to right): Linda Hodges - Ambassador of the Year; Jimmy Harrison - Take Charge Award; Dawn Austin - Spirit of Elba Award; and Doris Matthews - representing The People's Bank of Coffee County which was honored with the Chamber Member of the Year Award. Jerry Kelley, who was the recipient of the Behind the Scenes Award was not able to attend the banquet.



LARGE CROWD...This is only a portion of the large crowd which was on hand for the annual chamber banquet last Thursday evening. The crowd was evidence of the good things that are going on with the chamber as it continues to grow. Currently, the chamber has a record 131 members and conducted 13 ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses throughout the past year.



GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP...Those attending the chamber banquet were treated to a delicious meal before the awards were presented. Also following the meal, the crowd watched a video highlighting three businesses in Elba. Those businesses were Denise's Hair and Nail Salon, The National Security Group, Inc. and Moseley's Studio. "Spotlight on Business" was the theme for this year's banquet, and these businesses were prime examples of what makes the Elba Chamber of Commerce successful.

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eight stray dogs and transported them to the pound in Elba.

The next regular monthly meeting of the town council will be held on Monday, November 6, at 7 p.m. in the council chamber located in New Brockton Town Hall.

Other matters acted on by the council consisted of the following:

• Designated The Peoples Bank as the temporary depository for town funds.

• Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$17,690.36.

• Approved the employment of part-time help for the city clerk (Helen Burrows - a maximum of 20 hours per week at minimum wage as long as funds are available).

• Set truck or treat hours 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on October 31 (Halloween) for children 12 years old and younger - accompanied by an adult.

• Approved sending out bid requests for providing insurance for the town.

• Voted to advertise for bids on the garbage collection contract for the town.

• Gave approval for Tony Bloodsworth to attend an animal control training seminar in Auburn.

Elba Council hold organizational meeting

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Authorized to sign city checks are Mayor Grimes, City Clerk Morrow and Culver. Two signatures are required on all city checks. Both local banks were again named as city depositories.

Barr, Brunson, Wilkerson and Bowden, P.C. was again selected to serve as auditors for all city accounts. Grimes said they were a good company and easy to work with.

Council meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m., rather than the previous 6:00 p.m. starting time.

On a split 3-2 vote the council members decided to make the dress code for all elected officials at council meetings coats and ties. The motion by Councilman Hammond was supported by Council members Harold Spicer and Junior Coker. Councilman David Banstra and Mayor James Grimes voted against the motion while Councilman L. M. Burch abstained, saying it didn't matter to him either way.

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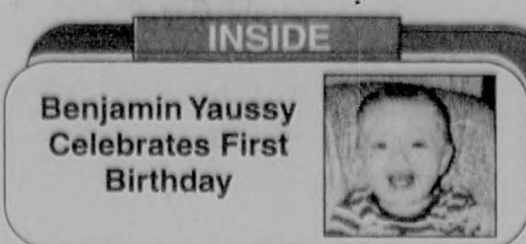
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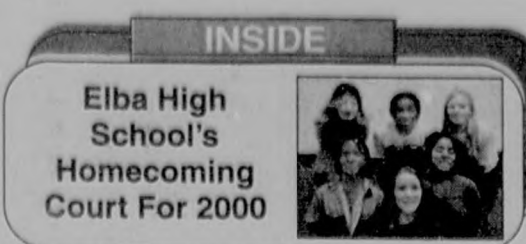
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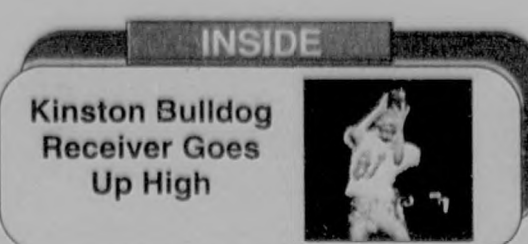
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Elba High School's Homecoming Court For 2000



Kinston Bulldog Receiver Goes Up High

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Deputies ask commission for pay raise

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission's regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting Monday resembled a law enforcement officials' seminar. Most of, if not all of, Coffee County's Sheriff's deputies were in attendance seeking a pay increase.

Addressing the commission on behalf of the deputies was Chief Deputy Myron Williams. He asked that the commission make good their promise of a graduated pay increase that was allegedly agreed to by members of the commission in 1998.

Williams prefaced his remarks by stating that, "In 1997, the Alabama State Legislature had a deputies pay bill introduced... it was opposed by the Association of County Commissioners and Republican Legislators because they felt that it was an unfunded mandate upon the citizens of each county." This included Coffee County's legislative delegation at the time - State Senator Dwight Adams and Representative Garrett Moore. The bill failed to pass.

According to Williams, Rep. Moore agreed to meet with the sheriff's department and discuss a workable solution that would be fair to the deputies as well as economically feasible to the citizens of this county. Reportedly, he agreed to approach the commissioners on a one-to-one basis and later in a working session. Moore then later spoke with Sheriff Ben Moates who later had a meeting with all the deputies and told them of a compromise agreement that had been entered on their behalf.

The agreement, according to Williams, called for a minimum deputy's pay to increase to a base of \$12 per hour or \$24,960 annually. The pay increase was set to be phased in over a four-year time period, with each deputy receiving a \$1 per hour increase over this time period.

"In the 1999 fiscal year budget,

all of the deputies received the agreed upon \$1 per hour increase," said Williams. "This was also given to the staff of the county jail even though they were not part of the original agreement with Rep. Moore. I was a part of the budget hearings with Sheriff Moates and Jail Administrator Zack Ennis, where each commissioner stated that the pay for the entire staff needed to be increased to avoid losing quality employees."

No record of this agreement can be produced by either of the parties involved - the deputies or the commission. All of the commissioners present in Monday's meeting (Commissioner Linda Westbrook was out of town) stated that they have no recollection of such an agreement with them and Representative Moore. Allegedly, all of the discussion and agreeing occurred in a "work session" of the commission and no recordings or minutes are kept of those meetings.

"There is nothing for these deputies to rely on accept their word, the word of the sheriff and Rep. Moore," said Williams. "Therefore, we come to you today and ask that you keep your word - this is on the record in front of various news media and the people of this county. These deputies deserve to be treated fairly by the representatives of the people of this county. Each day, they risk their lives in service for them."

The chief deputy told commissioners that he, as well as other deputies, has to take second jobs in order to supplement their income.

According to Williams, the starting pay for a deputy in 1998 was \$7.88 per hour. In 1999, the \$1 increase raised it to \$8.88. In 2000, a \$2 increase raised it to \$10.88. The pay increase in the 2001 budget increased it to \$12.88 per hour. This is \$2.66 shy of the \$12 deputies were allegedly led to believe they would receive.

In conclusion, Chief Deputy Williams asked the members of the commission to consider their



CLOSE CALL...A Coffee County lady and her grandson had a close call Monday afternoon when the vehicle they were in overturned. Shortly after 1:30 p.m., Elba police dispatchers received a call that a car had overturned on Co. Rd. 105 near the Roton Community in the northeast portion of Coffee County. Emergency personnel - Five Star Volunteer Fire Department first responders and Coffee County EMS - along with sheriff's deputies and state troopers - were also dispatched to the scene. According to reports, an older model Oldsmobile Cutlass Sedan driven by Mrs. Bessie Ann Davis, 48, was traveling north on Co. Rd. 105 when it left the roadway striking the end of a culvert and overturning. Her grandson, Daniel Cory Barr, 10, was able to exit the overturned vehicle, however, Mrs. Davis had to be extricated from the vehicle using the jaws of life. Both Mrs. Davis and her grandson were transported to Edge Regional Hospital in Troy by Coffee County EMS. Their injuries were not believed to be life-threatening. Alabama State Trooper Jerry Allen investigated the accident. He was assisted by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies.

Elba youth dies in vehicle-bicycle collision

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A five-year-old Elba boy died as a result of injuries received after being struck by a vehicle. Killed was Sedon Edwards of 1855 Hickman Avenue, Lot 14C (Little Beaver Trailer Park). Elba.

On Friday afternoon at approximately 6:44 p.m., Elba police officers responded to a report of a traffic accident on Hickman Avenue (U. S. Hwy. 84 West) near Cook

Ford. According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, upon their arrival, officers discovered that the accident involved a child riding a bicycle and a pick-up truck.

Coffee County EMS was called to the scene immediately and transported the child to Elba General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Edwards' body was taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in Montgomery where an autopsy was to be performed to determine the cause of death.

According to police reports, the driver of the 1992 GMC pick-up truck was Gregory Lamar Stokes, 37, of Elba. No charges have been filed in the incident.

The accident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department assisted by the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and Coffee County Coroner Marvin McLwain.

City Council conducts lots of business

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council printed agenda appeared to indicate a nothing meeting Monday evening but when the group adjourned, a lot of city business had been transacted. The first vote was approval of a recommendation from Mayor James Grimes to authorize the borrowing of up to \$150,000 to pay for the completion of the industrial spec building under construction in the Industrial Park. Grimes noted that half the cost will be funded with a

no interest loan from Alabama Electric Co-op, but their money will only come once the facility is completed. At present The Water and Electric Board has put a previously agreed upon \$75,000 in the project. The City of Elba has spent \$19,110 plus \$13,500 of the engineering cost. The total cost of the facility is about \$302,000 plus \$27,000 of engineering fees.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow gave council members a status report of on-going city projects including the sewer renovation, drainage upgrade and flood property buyout. He also requested approval to purchase two pieces of equipment including a Borer.

Rammer to drill under paved streets and a replacement Jet Washer, used to clean out sewer lines.

The Borer/Rammer will cost \$17,640.33. It was advertised and only one bidder responded.

The Jet Washer will cost \$27,769.00 and was the lowest of two bids received.

Both items will be purchased "upon availability of funds from USDA." The money is part of the multi-million dollar sewer renovation project. The estimated cost of the project was higher than actual

cost and since the loan portion of the funds were used first by USDA guidelines), the grant money is being used to purchase needed equipment, rather than turning it back to USDA.

Monthly bills totaling \$27,515.94 were approved for payment. They included Vehicle and Equipment repair \$3,279.38; Chemicals \$2,988.20; Pipe \$898.75; Concessions \$572.44; Annual fire inspection on various buildings \$645.63; Recreation football equipment \$1,120.51; Dues to SEALA Regional Planning and Development \$619.20 and Municipal Election Supplies \$5,740.11.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council about all supervisors have completed a drug schools and all officers have completed their continuing education units for the year.

He also said that from now on Elba police officers will have to begin escorting juvenile offenders to court, as the state juvenile officers were no longer doing this.

Whitworth also told the council that it would cost \$3,680 each to place video cameras in all police cars.

There have only been a few occasions when I felt the need to call on you but when I have I have never gotten anything other than respect and assistance from the dispatchers and officers. You never act as though my request is a waste of your time or make me feel as though the perceived problem is silly or unimportant.

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dling the call kept my mother calm and gave her a sense of safety. The officers' response was prompt and visual so that mama knew that she was not alone.

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County BOE recognizes gifted students during recent meeting

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education meeting in regular session last Thursday evening and gave special recognition to three county middle school students.

The three students recognized were participants in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. They were: Brett Parrish and David Anderson, both eighth graders at New Brockton Middle School; and Levi Brown, a Zion Chapel Middle School eighth grader.

All three students, who were seventh graders at the time, qualified to take the ACT exam last year. In order to do this, they had to be in the 95th percentile or better on the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) in language, reading or math. These students did so well on their scores, they were recognized at the state level. Duke University will continue to track these students throughout their education process.

Kathy Sawyer, who is the gifted education teacher in the Coffee County School System, commented that 42 county students are eligible to participate in the program this year. It is not known at this time how many students will actually take the ACT this year.

Board members received an update on the on-going construction projects at Kinston and New Brockton high schools. David Langford, a representative from the county's architectural consultants, reported that work should begin in the classrooms within the next one to two weeks. Demolition work is scheduled at both sites this week since school is out.

Dr. Linda Ingram gave board members a brief overview of the

requests that had been received from the different community agencies for 20 percent of the state allocated at-risk funds to the local system. The amount available is \$16,131 which is 20 percent of \$80,655. She noted that the county had received requests for these funds totaling more than \$64,000.

The goals of the Coffee County At-Risk Plan are: to improve discipline so that schools will have a safe, secure environment but at the same time, decrease the rates of suspensions and expulsions; to provide remedial and makeup work to increase student achievement; and to provide health services to help at-risk students combat problems.

The local agencies selected to receive allocations were: the Coffee County Extension Service - mentoring, tutoring, counseling, truancy and youth leadership; Coffee County Family Services Center - pregnancy prevention and child dental services; and Coffee County Sheriff's Department - truancy and expansion of D.A.R.E. program.

John Osburn, a certified leadership consultant, gave members of the board a brief outline as to what will take place during the evaluation of the superintendent as required by the State Board of Education.

He stated that during the next several months he will be "gathering data" on the superintendent's performance of his duties, as well as conducting an interview with Bowden. Board members, as well as principals and members of the central office staff, will be asked to fill out anonymous assessments of

the superintendent's performance.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The efforts to get federal funding for repair and upgrading of the Elba levee is like riding a roller coaster . . . slowly going up and speedily coming crashing down. Last Saturday President Clinton vetoed the 2001 year Energy and Water appropriations bill and that is the one containing the money for the Elba and Geneva levees! Of course it is all politics, but there is debate over some money in the budget for the Missouri River. The original vote in the U.S. House was enough to ultimately override the veto and leave the bill intact, but the story is different in the Senate, where experts doubt supporters can corral enough backing to override the presidential veto. What does that mean? It means the bill must go back through all the hoops and get enough changes to satisfy President Bill. Hopefully we will not get lost in the shuffle.

Here is a bit of interesting trivia . . . not worth anything, but interesting: Richard Milhouse Nixon was the first US president whose name contains all the letters from the word "criminal."

The second? . . . William Jefferson Clinton.

A number of people has asked their local newspaper why the flags in Elba were flying at half mast last week and during the weekend. According to city hall it was done at the request of the governor to honor the military return of the remains of the Vietnam Missing In Action soldier from North Alabama.

Last week we commented about the pending vote (Amendment #1) to change the Alabama oil trust funds, etc., and what would probably happen. More and more we are reading of people trying to explain the results of any passage of Amendment #1, and they are reaching varying conclusions. It is apparently impossible to point blank say that the few who are openly opposed to the bill are wrong . . . it is a complicated piece of legislation. The only thing for us regular folks to do is find one of the many who are smarter than us, and whom we respect, then listen to their advice. Right now the scales are tilted strongly to our support of the bill simply because of all the good folks who studied it, worked on it, and ultimately gave their blessings to the amendment's passage.

There was a tragic death in Elba Friday night. A young five-year-old youth, crossing the highway on his bicycle at night, was struck and killed. Any untimely death is bad, but to us the death of a young person is . . . well, we take it personal. Life is so rewarding and each time a child dies, it is another person who will not get the chance to fully experience the wonderful life here on earth. Every time the rest of us hear about a child's death, it should make us be a little more careful . . . in our automobiles or anywhere. That extra ounce of caution might be the difference in life or death for a fellow human being.

The outbreak - or intensifying - of fighting, in the Middle East is disturbing. Monday night Hedy and I were sitting in our easy chairs, relaxing with some good reading, and the 10:00 news flashed a scene of the killings taking place over there. We tried to visualize just how bad it would be at our house if every moment there was concern that the next volley of explosions might come right through our windows . . . or worse still through the windows at our children's homes.

Destroying "the enemy" is the mind set of many, or most, of those involved in the actually fighting from either side. There is the higher level of "leaders" who mold the political postures of their respective countries . . . including the U.S. The current position of the U.S. is urging both sides to calm down and talk about this matter. The dream is that these talks will result in love and peace . . . or at least some relief. That position makes some people mad, but it is the only way American diplomats can hope to broker a calming down of the hostilities.

Then you hear Madam Hillary, running for Congress in New York State, announcing she is disagreeing with the U.S. position being promoted by her husband, President Bill Clinton. Now there is nothing wrong with a husband and wife having different opinions (we hope!) but somehow this one comes across as politically expedient. Hillary needs the heavy Jewish vote in New York to win her Senate seat. The Jewish people were somewhat offended by the U.S. position urging them to back down on their announced promise to get tougher and roll out the big guns if things didn't calm down within 48 hours of them issuing the ultimatum.

The activity report for the Elba Police Department shows some extremes at both ends. The monthly report is broken down by individual officers and therein we continue to see surprises. In the traffic arrest department there was an officer with 101 arrests and another with 110 and one with 77, while on the opposite end there were officers with zero, one, three, five and eight traffic arrests. The same pattern is seen in the traffic warning category with 81, 66 and 37 compared with one, two, three, etc. We are not in a position to judge either end of that spectrum as to which is correct. Our personal opinion is that both are probably to the extreme. On the completely positive side is the recent increase in police officer activity in downtown Elba. They are walking the streets, checking doors and generally being seen downtown. That also means they are not out on the highway at the city limits irritating folks who felt downtown is where they should have been all the time.

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Amendment 1 Would Turn Over Alabama's Savings Account to Politicians

By Ex-Gov. Guy Hunt

If Gov. Don Siegelman and this Legislature do not have the courage and the will to tackle true and fair tax reform, we certainly should not entrust them with the people's savings account, preserved under Governors James, Wallace, Hunt and Folsom.

I encourage all Alabamians to vote against Amendment 1, because it would open the Alabama Trust Fund to politicians for the first time. The proposed amendment is not based on sound economics but is, instead, a brazen political ploy by Gov. Siegelman to dip into the people's savings account to further his own political agenda.

During my time as Governor of Alabama, the Constitution gave the funds established by Governors Fob James and George Wallace, were a very important influence on the financial stability of our state. These men had the foresight to look down these one-time profits from the sale of off-shore oil and gas leases in perpetual trusts for future generations.

Gov. James' Alabama Heritage Trust Fund and Gov. Wallace's Alabama Trust Fund will merge next year, under the name of the Alabama Trust Fund, with almost \$2 billion in assets. While this should be a time of great celebration, I am afraid that the cold, hard hand of politics is poised to grab this money. These trust funds represent real economic security for our state in the same way an IRA or 401(k) plan secures the future for working men and women. Their funds are an inheritance we can pass on to our children and grandchildren.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 2, 2000, investigated the following incidents: one breaking and entering, four thefts of property, one illegal possession of a controlled substance, three assaults, one missing animal, one resisting arrest, three harassments, and one pedestrian hit by a vehicle.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear warrants, one for theft of property, one for resisting arrest, one for illegal possession of a controlled substance and one for discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: nine for speeding, one for running a stop sign, one for insurance required, one for driver's license not in possession, two for violation of seat belt law, three for proof of insurance required, one for no tag, and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 - River stage - 2:26 (6:36 a.m.); Alarm at residence on Cherokee Lane (11:01 a.m.).

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- **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court-house: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call Free 1-800-722-1213.
- **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
- **ELBA MINISTERS ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.
- **GRIF SUPPORT GROUP** - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
- **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
- **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.
- **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.
- **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
- **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE** - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.
- **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
- **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Coffee County Complex.
- **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.
- **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria.

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n't he call a meeting and ask the members to give Bronner this authority?

Amendment 1 also creates a \$350 million bond issue. This borrowed money would be totally controlled by the Governor and the amendment allows him to use a big portion of the proceeds for roads and bridges.

While I was governor we passed a 5-cents-a-gallon gas tax to fund a pay-as-you-go highway program. Since the 1992-93 Fiscal Year, the 5-cent gas tax has generated \$624,891,516 in new money for roads and bridges in Alabama. That's not counting the federal matching money which comes in on a 20-80 split. The budget for the Department of Transportation for FY 2000-2001 is \$1.4 billion from all its state and federal sources.

Why would a governor want to violate the Alabama Trust Fund to issue \$350 million in additional debt for roads, bridges and other such projects, when we already have a good, solid road program? The answer is simple: most of DOT's money is spent according to a five-year plan over which the Governor has little discretion. Siegelman will be able to direct where the \$350 million is spent. But do voters really want to see Alabama's public debt raised to an all time high just so the Governor can fund a political program?

Gov. Siegelman also wants part of this money for "industrial development." Yet, there are two well-funded state agencies whose main purpose is to develop and recruit industry.

The Alabama Development Office has a budget this year of \$5.1 million, most of which is dedicated to Alabama's Industrial Development Program (\$4.8 million). In addition, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs has a budget of \$215.5 million, in mostly federal funds, to be used for infrastructure improvements for local governments and communities. Why more money for industrial development? Again, most of the above money is spent according to a plan. This new money is something the governor can direct himself.

There are real problems that need to be addressed by our present leaders, including education reform, tax reform and constitutional reform. Since this Governor and this Legislature have not shown any inclination to deal with these problems, the last thing we should do is give them access to the savings account of our children and grandchildren.

During these good economic times, let's protect Alabama's future. Go to the polls November 7 and vote NO on Amendment 1.

NOTE: Guy Hunt lives on his farm in Holly Pond. He served as Governor of Alabama from 1987 until 1993.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of October 2, 2000 through October 8, 2000. They were: Eva Kelley, Caveosia Stinson, Anthony Williams, Tracey Hulgan, Mary Coleman, Jarrod Walker, Marcus Fuller, Sherry Hutchinson, Anne Fortune, Terry Warren, Agnes Mack, Beckie King, Sonya Stanford, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Zachary King, Harvey Sasser, Cecil Adkins, and Annie Smith.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Jacqueline Harbuck, Margaret Hussey, Eric Crook, Margaret Jones, Dorothy Williams, Caveosia Stinson, Hollis Wicker, Tracey Hulgan, Anne Fortune, Mary Coleman, Velma Bradshaw, Terry Warren, Bessie Warren, Shelly Hutchinson, Jarrod Walker, Marcus Fuller, Anthony Williams, Eva Kelley, Sonya Stanford, Beckie King, Zachary King, Harvey Sasser, Cecil Adkins, and Annie Smith.

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Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz
This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Heather Hudson, the 17-year-old employee of South-east Pharmaceuticals where she is a secretary. Her duties include filing, cleaning and answering the phone.

Heather's parent is Tabitha Hudson. Heather is a senior at Elba High School where she is a member of St. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, VICA, and FBLA. In her free time, Heather likes to hang out with friends.

Heather plans on attending Troy to major in chemistry.

Support Elba Tiger Football

by Francie English
Name: Shawn Abbott
Parents: Douglas and Janet Daniels
Age: 12-years-old
Grade: 7th
Favorite color: blue
Favorite music: rap
Clubs/Activities: basketball
Interests/Hobbies: hanging out with friends and playing basketball
Personal quote: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."
Shawn's favorite subject in school is science because he finds it very interesting.



Shawn Abbott
Then he hopes to go to the NBA.

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See You At The Pole 2000



by Bethany Dye
Hebrews 13:17 says that we should obey and lift up our leaders, which is exactly what some EHS students have been doing. On September 20, FCA, a Christian club at Elba High School, sponsored See You At The Pole (SYATP). SYATP is a nationwide event where students meet before school at their campus's flag pole to take a stand and pray for their friends, teachers, community, state, and world leaders. The theme for SYATP 2000 was "A Generation Seeking God" and the theme Bible verse was Psalms 24:3-6. Approximately fifty students, faculty, and church leaders participated in See You At The Pole this year.

Rep. Spicer Talks State Government

by Chelsea Cooper

One very important part of the fourth grade curriculum is Alabama History.

In order to relate the information in a more interactive manner, the administration at EES asked our State Representative Terry Spicer to speak with the kids.

The program began with Mrs. Irwin providing an introduction and setting a few basic rules for the assembly. Then, Representative Spicer took the floor to explain how state government works. He informed the students that the government was broken up into the Senate and the House of Representatives and ran through how a bill is passed.

He then opened the floor for questions. There was a great response from the fourth graders, and the questions they posed were well thought out and relative to the subject.

Representative Spicer did a wonderful job taking a complex system



Rep. Spicer pictured above with several students

and breaking it down for the students. It was a wonderful program and the faculty and students of EES were very appreciative.

Career Speaking

by Melissa Mulatz

On Friday, Sept. 29, Mr. Lee Cole from Auburn University made a stop at EHS to talk to students about Textile Engineering.

Many students said they were very intrigued by the presentation and plan on looking further into this career.

Cole showed how to make various fabrics and how to change the colors of the fabrics.

He also spoke about the salaries and the advantages you will have if you attend Auburn University under this major.

EHS would like to thank Mr. Cole for coming and giving us an outstanding presentation from Auburn University.

TIGER BRIEFS

Get With The Game

by Anonymous

Elba High School Football is once again 0-5 this year, and by the time you read this the team might be 0-6. They might even lose every game this year. But hey, that's no reason why they can't have fun sport. Because these Tigers are doing something that the rest of the student body isn't. They are sacrificing themselves to represent their school and to play a game that they love. So the least the student body can do is come to the game and support the Elba Tigers. Students actually cheer with the cheerleaders and give the football team support. This week is especially important because it is homecoming, so come home and support the Tigers.

Senior Shirts

by Cammie Kelley

Excitement, questions, and compliments filled the EHS Journalism room on October 28. It was a time of joy for the Seniors. Senior shirts had finally arrived. The T-shirt has a huge tiger paw on the front and "All this hassle for a tassel" was placed on the back. This is the seniors' first declaration of freedom from Elba High. Everyone was excited and pleased with the arrival of the first shirt that set them apart from all others at Elba High.

Purely Pawsome

by Leanne Mallory

On August 19, 2000 the EHS Student Government Association painted Tiger Paws on the back entrance to the school. The SGA members made approximately 125 Tiger Paws. The SGA plans to do other projects this year to improve the school. Thank you, SGA, for trying to promote a little more school spirit.

Girls State program returning to Troy State Campus

Troy State University made history last spring as only the second institution of higher learning in Alabama to host Girls State in more than 50 years. Last week, TSU and the Girls State Board of Trustees entered into a three-year agreement.

Girls State is a citizenship training program for high school students sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Lee Sellers, Girls State 2001 Director, said Troy State University's outstanding performance last June as a first-time host convinced the board to return.

Troy State University rolled out the red carpet for us last year," Sellers said. "Everything from the performance by the Symphony Band at opening ceremonies to the attention to detail made it an enjoyable experience."

John W. Schmidt, Vice President for Student Affairs at TSU, said he is pleased with the decision.

"Last spring was a great experience for Troy State University," he said. "Bringing more than 320 of the top high school students from around the state to TSU provides a great opportunity for us to showcase our campus."

Schmidt said the university was also pleased with the response to the first-ever Girls State Reunion, as TSU invited the participants from last spring's Girls State session back to Troy. The 2001 session of Girls State will be held June 10-15.

Homecoming Court 2000



Pictured above (l-r) are: front - Heather Hays; middle - Michelle Cooper and Samantha Williams; and back - Francie English, Carmenda Coleman, and Rene Wambles.

by Hunter Branch

It's that time of the year again. Time for the Homecoming Queen and her court to be acknowledged during this special time of the year. The ninth grade attendant is Michelle Carpenter. The tenth grade attendants are Samantha Williams and Heather Hays. The tenth grade has two attendants because there was a split in the voting. The junior attendant is Francie English. The senior attendant is Rene Wambles, and the 2000 Elba High School Homecoming Queen is Carmenda Coleman. Congratulations, Ladies!!!

Elba Elementary School Menu Oct. 16 - 20, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Baked Beans, Dill Slices, Cake, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, Half Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuits or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, Half Orange, Milk
Thursday - Eggs & Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Pizza, Green Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Peas, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hoagie Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Potato Rounds, Apple-sauce, Milk

ESJC Computer Maintenance Technology program deals with high tech side of computer environments

Enterprise State Junior College's Computer Maintenance Technology program is not for everyone. This specially devised and developed program deals with the highly technical side of personal computer environments such as networking and service credentialing. The program requirements are constantly being revised to accommodate changes in industry demands.

The program has just undergone another interesting update with the addition of a new instructor, Russ Hillpot. Mr. Hillpot brings a multitude of fine offerings to the program through both his educational and experience backgrounds in this field.

In the educational sector, Mr. Hillpot can boast of a Master of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from Southeast Missouri State University. He spent a personal educational sabbatical one summer to obtain training in A+ Microsoft Networking, and Cisco Router (which provides 80% of the internet's backbone and allows servers to communicate externally). Mr. Hillpot has additional training in Unix, C Programming, C++ Programming, Visual Basic, Object Oriented Programming, Networking Fundamentals, and Front Page.

Mr. Hillpot spent more than 25 years in the military and left a position at Ft. Rucker as the Technical Project Manager for the Aviation Branch's portion of the University After Next program, a prototype of a web based knowledge management system. He performed a systems analysis and design, set up the servers, and developed the first prototype of the system.

ESJC's Computer Maintenance Technology program consists of a certificate with 28 hours of college level work, and an Associate in Applied Science in Microcomputer Maintenance and Networking Technology requiring 70 hours of college level classes. Included in the computer courses are Introduction to Computer Science, Microcomputer Applications, Microcomputer Operating Systems, Cooperative for Computer Information Science, Basic Programming, Visual Basic, Computer Problem Determination, A+ Certification: Core Exam Preparation, Network Technologies, Network Administration, Network Service and Support, Network Install, Configure, & Build Intranets, Network Design & Implementation, A+ Certification: DOS/Windows Exam Preparation.



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ZC Middle School SGA



Pictured above (l-r) are: first row - D.J. Stinson, Haley Wambles, and Keri Flowers; second row - Donna Flowers, Abe Childs, Shaun Ellis, and Josh Nelson; third row - Andrianna Mills, Erica Lewis, Nathan Calhoun, and Todd Grant; fourth row - Verna Mozzo and Sharon Sasser.

by Heather Arnold and Maloree Bedsole

The Middle School SGA held their first meeting on October 4, 2000. Items of discussion included leadership, duties, and SGA officers being role models. They also discussed their first fundraiser, a Middle School Haunted House, that will take place at the Fall Festival.

Another item of discussion was electing a Middle School Fall Festival Queen. All girls in the Middle School can participate by selling candy and other small items before school and at break. The girl who raises the most money will be crowned the Middle School Fall Festival Queen. The Queen and runners-up will be allowed to choose their escorts. They will ride in the Homecoming Parade and will be presented at the Homecoming Pep Rally. All funds will go to the Middle School.

The last item on the agenda was the election of officers for the 2000-2001 year. By secret ballot, D.J. Stinson was elected president. Other officers include Vice-President Haley Wambles, Secretary Keri Flowers, Reporter Donna Flowers, Treasurer Abe Childs and Devotional Leader Shaun Ellis. Josh Nelson was elected seventh grade representative. Andrianna Mills, Matt Williams, Erica Lewis, Nathan Calhoun and Todd Grant were elected sixth grade representatives. Their sponsors are Mrs. Sharon Sasser and Mrs. Verna Mozzo.

Coffee County Schools Menu Oct. 16 - 20, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - French Toast, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Rib B Que Sandwich, Steak Noodles, Creamed Potatoes, Fried Okra, Leaf Bread Slice, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Pepperoni Pizza, Burrito, Black Eyed Peas, Creamed Corn, Macaroni & Cheese, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Barbecue Sandwich, Breaded Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rice, Dill Pickle, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tuna Salad, English Peas, French Fries, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Pancake Pops, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hamburger, Hot Dog, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Slices, Onion Rings, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Demerit System In Middle School

The teachers in the middle school and the administration have established a demerit system as a means of discipline. Anyone who accumulates ten demerits or two office referrals in a nine weeks period cannot attend any middle school activity.

A student goes through several steps before a demerit is awarded. A student is allowed three warnings before a break detention is assigned. The warning can be for talking, being out of seat without permission, annoying others, not following directions, interrupting the class, or for any other reason deemed reasonable by a teacher for a warning.

Three break detentions result in one demerit and a parent contact. Anyone committing a Class II or Class III offense, as defined in the Coffee County Student Information Handbook, goes straight to the office and earns five demerits.

Any student who is demerit free is invited to a party at the end of the grading period. This nine weeks there were 66 middle school students invited to the party.

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Other area schools included in the event include Brantley High School, Daleville High School, Geneva County High School, Pike County High School, and Pike County High School.

SCHOOLS

ZCHS's Three Active Career Technical Clubs

Currently in the State of Alabama there are seven active career technical clubs. Three of them have chapters at Zion Chapel—FFA, FCCLA, and FBLA. Career technical organizations and programs used to be known as vocational organizations. These organizations were, and still are, an integral part of career technical program instruction.

The National FFA Organization was founded in 1929. Alabama was the thirty-sixth state to be chartered with FFA and is an official member of the National FFA Organization. Alabama has 329 chapters and approximately 18,000 members.

The FFA's 451,997 national members and 7,628 chapters represent all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. FFA's local, state, and national programs and activities help members develop public speaking skills, conduct and participate in meetings, manage financial matters, strengthen problem-solving abilities, and assume civic responsibilities. Competitive events and award programs recognize students' achievements, encourage them to excel beyond the classroom, and develop career skills.

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FBLA Holds First Meeting

The first meeting of the Zion Chapel Senior Level and Junior Level Future Business Leaders of America was a joint meeting. The primary items on the agenda were membership and fall meetings.

The people attending the meeting were asked to pay their dues in time to meet the October 20 deadline of being eligible to receive fall publications. The membership dues were paid and 81 senior level members and 47 junior level members were reported to the national office.

The Joint Leadership Development Conference, the National Fall Leadership Conference, the Alabama Regional Meeting, and the

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Ms. Colie M. Davis is the state adviser. The information for this article was taken from a brochure entitled ALABAMA EXPLODING INTO 2000 that was designed by Fulton-dale High School students. The brochure was published and distributed by Mrs. Nancy Beggs, Director, Career/Technical Education, Mr. Ed Richardson, State Superintendent of Education, and the Alabama State Department of Education.

Perry Receives TSU Scholarship

Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., chancellor of the Troy State University System, has announced that Amie Lynn Perry of Jack is the recipient of a Troy State University scholarship.

Amie will be a 2001 graduate of Zion Chapel High School. Troy State University is a part of the TSU System, which offers academic programs on four campuses in Alabama, and on 50 military bases in 12 states and five countries around the world.

Troy State University offers associate, bachelor's, masters, and education specialist degrees and is dedicated to student preparation in the fields of education, arts and sciences, fine arts, business, communications, applied science, nursing and allied health sciences. Troy State University serves more than 5,200 students from 45 states and 50 foreign countries.



Amie Perry

SALUTE!

Rebel Basketball

Coch Charles Edwards has announced the members of the 2000-2001 Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team. The members were selected at a Saturday morning tryout.

Fourteen girls came to the tryouts and fourteen girls were selected for the team. Coach Edwards said, "It takes a special person with a great deal of initiative to get up on Saturday morning for a tryout of any kind. I chose all these special people for the team." He also said that the girls showed a willingness and a great deal of interest for basketball. It will be a learning experience for them.

The team members are Haley Wambles, Nessa Wambles, Meta

Gatlin, Kristen McLendon, Shea Manning, Keri Flowers, Laralee Beasley, Donna Flowers, Nikki Presley, Kelly Johnson, Courtney Dykes, Brittany Thompson, Kim Rayburn, and Belinda Baxley.

The Girls JV team will play nine games and the season will start October 30 against Fleeta in Fleeta. The schedule is listed below:
October 30 - Fleeta 4:30 In Fleeta
November 2 - K'ton 4:00 In K'ton
November 7 - N.B. 5:00 In N.B.
November 8 - Anton 5:30 In Anton
November 13 - Elba 5:00 At ZC
November 16 - Anton 5:00 At ZC
November 30 - K'ton 5:00 At ZC
December 4 - Elba 5:00 In Elba
December 11 - Fleeta 5:00 At ZC

Troy State gets \$350,000 grant to expand the SEAL network

Troy State University received a \$350,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Thursday to expand the Southeast Alabama Technology (SEAL) Network, which provides courses and training for school systems, businesses and government agencies through video-conferencing and the Internet.

The grant represents the maximum amount awarded by the USDA.

Dr. Bill Flinn, TSU Assistant Vice Chancellor for Technology, said the second phase of SEAL will add the school systems, businesses and government agencies through video-conferencing and the Internet.

Dr. Flinn said the new SEAL partners will receive training via video-conferencing equipment. The grant will allow students in the rural high schools to take classes for college credit while still in high school and receive advanced high school courses in foreign languages, mathematics and science.

SEAL can also provide adult education courses, business and industry training, professional development courses for educators, EMT certification and recertification courses and special training for local government officials, Dr. Flinn said.

"Troy State University is committed to providing leadership that will enhance the economy of southeast Alabama," Dr. Hawkins said.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My wife has worked at the Elba Elementary School for almost 15 years, and over the years has come home with plenty of smiles, more than a few frowns, and even a few tears. Last week she shed more than just a few tears, however, as a young kindergarten student was killed in a bicycle accident with a car late Friday afternoon. She had worked with the boy a day before the accident on writing the letters of the alphabet, and still had his paper in her purse when she heard of the tragedy. The paper with his work is now framed, and while Mom has managed to smile and laugh a little when talking of his battles writing his letters, she always ends up with tears in her eyes. While he was a student for only a few weeks, he will be one she never forgets.

ELBA TIGERS SIMPLY NO MATCH FOR FLYING SQUADRON

The Elba Tigers made the trip up to Highland Home Friday night and were simply no match for the high-powered Flying Squadron. The Tigers fell behind 6-0 less than two minutes into the game, and trailed 34-0 only one minute into the second quarter. At the time the score went to 34-0, the Tigers had not managed to make even one first down, and had a total offense of seven yards after five offensive possessions. Elba did manage to score two touchdowns in the game after Highland Home had begun to play some of its reserves, but simply put, it was no contest.

Did the storm clouds have a silver lining? Well, the Tiger quarterback is a sophomore and did fight until the final horn, while the running backs that carried the ball Friday night included an 8th grader, a 9th grader, a 10th grader and an 11th grader. Over on defense, 12 of the 15 players that made tackles were in the 9th (2), 10th (6) and 11th (4) grades. These youngsters are getting banged around, but maybe they will have long memories and work hard in the future to pay some folks back for all the punishment they have endured.

If I am about to offend someone I am sorry. However, there is no way I can agree with the decision made last week to allow the clock to run almost non-stop the final three quarters due to the lopsided score. After the decision to let the clock run, it ran after some incomplete passes, through most of at least one time-out, and after change of possessions. The fact the clock was allowed to run also resulted in the game officials ignoring obvious penalties, and when was supposed to be a high school athletic contest became a farce. If there are rules, play by them. Don't adjust the rules to meet a situation, and don't take the game away from the players!

AREA TEAMS MAKE WEEK #6 ONE TO REMEMBER

The sixth week of the high school football season has come and gone, and for three of the four teams in the coverage area, it was a week to remember. Here is why....

*** **KINSTON (3-3)** claimed an exciting come-from-behind win over Pleasant Home 20-19, on the road, and in doing so upped its Region record to 3-1. The Bulldogs have had trouble over the years stopping speedy backs, and while they did have some problems with the Eagles' Author Coleman, the Kinston defense never backed down and came up with some big plays late that helped save the win. One year doesn't make a program, but the Kinston Bulldogs are definitely building the foundation the right way.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (3-3)** woke up in the fourth quarter to outscore winless Florala 40-28, and found out once again that the Rebels can never take a win for granted. The Wildcats were supposed to be easy pickings for the Rebels, but the score was tied at 20-20 in the second half, and Zion Chapel had to rally late to claim the win. Once the Rebels find out that they have to play 48 minutes every time they hit the field, they might just pull off an upset, or two.

*** **BRANTLEY (4-2)** pulled ahead early and dozed past Arton 27-0 for another easy Region win. The Bulldogs did what they had to do to get the win, but didn't show much enthusiasm or desire against the Purple Cats, a team that was out manned at practically every position. I realize that Brantley will be heavy favorites in all of its Region games. However, the Bulldogs need to improve each and every week and make certain that the schedule doesn't allow them to slip backwards and get lazy. If the starters only play two quarters that's good, but they need to look like the starters when they are in the game.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (0-6)** hung tough for two quarters and trailed only 14-0 at the half, but couldn't keep up the pace with a team as talented as Houston County and fell 35-0. The Gamecocks will line up and fight toe-to-toe with any team in the state in any class. However, they are simply out manned just about every time they take the field, and have to fight to just keep the score close. If New Brockton can find a few more players in the years to come they should be okay, because these youngsters will be battle-tested men.

QUICK KICKS....

*** The Elba Tigers played last week up in Highland Home without one of their biggest supporters, as Earl McCollough missed his first Elba football game in over 20 years. Earl has been fighting health problems for over a year, but has been making it to the games, and has continued to make phone calls trying to drum up financial support for the athletic program at Elba High. Elba's opponents, and the referees, need to enjoy it while they can, because when Earl gets back to 100 percent, he might just make up for lost time and remind everyone what kind of supporter he really is.

*** Coach Leavy Boutwell's Geneva Panthers survived another scare from an undefeated opponent and improved to 6-0 with a big Region win over Daleville. The Elba grad has the Panthers and their fans believing they can win, no matter who lines up across from them, and the success story down in Geneva is truly one to watch. I know that all Elba alumni are proud of Coach Boutwell and his team, and wish them good luck as the season rolls along.

*** There has been a lot said, and written in recent days about Pike County's 86-0 win over Barbour County two weeks ago. The coach at Barbour County, formed with the merger of Clayton and Louisville, accused Pike County's coach of running up the score against his team, while the coach up at Pike County responded by saying that if he had not let the 9th graders play the score would have been 130-0. I wonder if these two schools will play each other in basketball?

*** Troy State lost for the second straight game, and I still can't understand why a team that can't beat South Florida or Northwestern State would even want to be in the same stadium with teams like Nebraska, Mississippi State or Miami. I know that Troy State has a good football team and am sure they will rebound and make a run at the playoffs. However, it may not be fair to the players to let them get punished by some of the nation's best teams just to help pay the bills. UAB has made strides in recent years and has a respectable football program, but it is located in Birmingham, not Pike County, and has a huge advantage over Troy State in recruiting. I may be proven wrong, but I think some of the folks up the road have made a bad mistake.

*** Auburn lost to Mississippi State, but showed a lot of guts hanging in with the big and talented Bulldogs, and continue to impress me. I don't think Coach Tommy Tuberville did a lot to help his team win the game, but that wasn't all that surprising. You can tell when Tuberville is coaching to win, and when he is coaching to keep the score close, and Saturday he was trying to keep it close, so he could make some excuses afterwards and tell us why they should have won.

*** The storms that blew in last Friday dampened the opening day of soccer in Elba, but the kids in the younger age groups did get out on the practice fields and get in a scrimmage. Soccer is alive and well here in

Elba, whether you believe it or not, and work will begin soon on a new seven-acre soccer complex to be located on Smith Avenue. It may be the new sport in town, but it is growing fast.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and said that you know times have changed when Elba and Enterprise are a combined 1-11 in football, while Kinston and Zion Chapel are a combined 6-6. The local high school football guesstest also predicted a very unusual playoff schedule, and said state fans might need to pull out the maps to find some of the new teams that make the field. Before leaving this week's picks, he reminded me that last week he hit on 26 of 27 picks, and for the season has a 150-28 record. Not bad!

ELBAYS, W.S. NEAL

It seems a little scary to schedule homecoming for "Friday the 13th," but since the Tigers are 0-6, it might be even more scary for W.S. Neal, which will enter the game the heavy favorite. I know that Elba has been outscored 82-14 the past two weeks and that the Tigers are in a tailsip. However, this is a game the Tigers can win if they get a few breaks, and since it will be played on the 13th, who knows?

W.S. NEAL 18 ELBA 14

KINSTON VS. G.W. LONG

The G.W. Long Rebels can claim the Coffee County School System championship with a win over the Bulldogs, and while it may not be as easy as it was defeating New Brockton and Zion Chapel by a combined score of 96-20, the speedy Rebels should have few problems out-running the Bulldogs.

G.W. LONG 34 KINSTON 10

ZION CHAPEL VS. A.S.D.

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to get above the .500 mark with a win over the visitors from the Alabama School for the Deaf, and while it should happen, the Rebels seem to have a habit of making games harder than expected. No matter what the scoreboard might read, the Silent Warriors are never losers!

ZION CHAPEL 29 A.S.D. 22

NEW BROCKTON VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The Gamecocks had to have this game circled on their calendars before the season started as a possible win. However, the Raiders have proven they can compete with any 2A team on their schedule, while the Game-

cocks are winless against all the teams on their schedule, regardless of class. This could be the week New Brockton gets a much needed win, but don't bet the house on it.

HOUSTON ACADEMY 17 NEW BROCKTON 7

BRANTLEY VS. FLORALA

Two years ago Florala had one of its best teams ever and got pounded by the Bulldogs, while this year the Bulldogs are still one of the best teams in the state and Florala is one of the worst. Brantley's players could walk in their sleep and still win this one.

BRANTLEY 40 FLORALA 8

OTHER PICKS:

Pleasant Home 20 Arton 13
Notasulga 45 Layman Ward 12
Maplesville 27 Vertena 0
J.F. Shields 32 McKenzie 6
Clay County 21 Randolph County 8
St. Jude 33 Barbour County 14
Cottonwood 27 Slocomb 6
Excel 50 R.C. Hatch 0
Houston County 31 Geneva County 27
Flomaton 21 Georgiana 15
Straughn 27 Goshen 21
Highland Home 34 Red Level 16
Samson 12 Wicksburg 10
Pike County 41 Calhoun 18
Gulf Breeze 35 Gulf Shores 6
Walden 14 Bullock County 0
Thomasville 24 Andalusia 14
Rehobeth 20 Ashford 8
Dale County 21 Daleville 10
Geneva 21 Headland 7
Zion Chapel 28 Opp 3
Stanhope Elmore 24 Carroll 17
Eufaula 28 Valley 0
Charles Henderson 28 Greenville 8
Hillcrest 27 Monroe County 12
Opelika 31 Auburn 7
Dothan 21 Smiths Station 3
Enterprise 37 Northview 34

Elba hosts W.S. Neal for "Homecoming"

Area teams face key Region battles

The high school football season will reach the week #7 mark on Friday night, and for the teams in the area, they will be hoping that "Friday the 13th" won't bring with it any bad luck, as four of the five area teams will be battling in key Region contests.

Following are previews of this week's area prep football action.

W.S. NEAL (2-4) AT ELBA (0-6)

The Elba Tigers will be looking to snap a season-long losing streak and give a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night when they host the W.S. Neal Eagles, in an important Class 3A, Region I clash.

The Tigers, which will enter the homecoming clash with an 0-6 record, 0-2 in Region action, had chances to win in each of its first three games and battled region-leader Laverne into overtime, but have been outscored 102-21 in its last three setbacks, and appear to be in a tailsip!

The Elba offense opened things up last week in the Tigers' 47-14 loss to Highland Home and scored 22 times, including four halfback passes from three different backs. Sophomore quarterback Brandon Petty did complete 9 of 18 passes and had success running the option, while running back Josh Moultry had a big night on the ground with 70 yards on 10 carries, and Michael Sams, the Tigers' leading rusher for the season, pulled in 4 passes for 58 yards.

The Elba defense continued its recent struggles in last week's lopsided loss, and has yet to hold an opponent to less than three touchdowns in any game this season. The Tigers allowed almost 400 yards on

BRANTLEY (4-2) AT FLORALA (0-6)

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to push their Region record to 4-0 Friday night when they head south to tangle with the winless Wildcats of Florala.

The Bulldogs improved to 3-0 in Class 1A, Region 2 last week, with a shutout win over Arton 27-0, and will be looking to flex their muscles once again against their Region foes. The Bulldogs were slowed down on the ground last week, but quarterback Andy Johnson hit on two TD tosses to lead Brantley to the win, and this week the Bulldogs will certainly attempt to regain their success in the running game.

Florala ran up big scores on its victims over the past two seasons, and while the "Cats have been getting paid back this season, even the biggest Wildcat fan won't be looking forward to this week's clash with the Bulldogs from Crenshaw County. The Wildcats have allowed 247 points in their six losses, an average of over 40 points a game, while they have managed to score a total of only 54 points.

Brantley could probably name the score in this one, but the Bulldogs have bigger games down the line to worry about, and will give their starters a chance to rest up once the game is in hand, which should be very early.

KINSTON (3-3) AT G.W. LONG (4-1)

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to claim their second straight road win and pull off the upset of the season Friday night when they travel over to Skipperville to battle the highly-ranked G.W. Long Rebels.

The Bulldogs have bounced back from a disappointing 0-2 start to win 3 of their last 4 games, and in doing so have rolled up a 3-1 Region record. Kinston doesn't do anything fancy on offense or defense, it just lines up and plays hard on every single play, and this week can clinch a playoff berth for the Bulldogs, and while they will be huge underdogs, they will play to win, as always!

G.W. Long will bring a 4-1 record into the key Region clash with the Rebels, and the Rebels will be looking to improve to 3-1 in the Region with a win over the "Dogs. The Rebels' have a lone loss to Brantley 23-20, while boasting wins over Barbour County 64-25, New Brockton 44-0, Pleasant Home 55-8 and Zion Chapel 52-20. The high-scoring Rebels have been on a roll since their loss, and will be determined to roll past the visitors from Coffee County.

While this game may be the biggest one of the week in Class 1A, Region 2, it looks like a mismatch on paper. The Bulldogs will have to be at their best to have a chance, but this year at least they do

have a chance.

A.S.D. (3-2) AT ZION CHAPEL (3-3)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will get a break from Region competition Friday night when they host the Alabama School for the Deaf Silent Warriors, at Green Memorial Stadium, on the campus of Zion Chapel High School.

The Rebels improved their record at 3-3 and moved to 2-2 in the Region last week with a 40-28 win over Florala, and should be confident heading into this week's battle. While the game against the Silent Warriors won't count toward making the playoffs, it is a big game in that a win can give the Rebels a shot of confidence heading into its Region finale against Brantley and Kinston.

The Alabama School for the Deaf is truly one of the state's top prep sports stories, as students from across the state come together to learn to meet their challenges and compete in athletics. This season the Silent Warriors have posted wins over Tennessee School for the Deaf 48-8, Florida School for the Deaf 16-8 and Vinn 42-14, while losing to Donoho 31-16 and Wadley 50-20. This team plays to win every time its hits the field, and is an inspiration to watch.

Zion Chapel had better be ready for a war, because this bunch from the Alabama School for the Deaf will come to win, and will battle for all four quarters to accomplish that goal.

HOUSTON AC. (2-2) AT NEW BROCKTON (0-6)

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to put an end to a season-long losing streak Friday night when they host the Houston Academy Raiders, from Dothan.

The Gamecocks have struggled on offense throughout the season and have averaged less than 6 points per game. It has been this lack of an offensive punch that has resulted in the Gamecock defense having to stay on the field, and has led to the defense's second half woes. New Brockton has played tough on defense for a half in four straight games, but has allowed over 32 points a game in its six losses.

Houston Academy opened its season with two straight open dates, but the Raiders have been one of the surprises of the 2000 season and will bring a 2-2 slate into the Friday night clash. Houston Academy has posted wins over Slocomb 16-12 and Samson 13-12, while falling to Wicksburg 10-7 and Cottonwood 27-23.

Before the season started the folks over in New Brockton had this game circled as a probable win. However, after six weeks of action, it will be a game in which the Raiders will be confident they can win.

Fall hard to Highland Home 47-14

Tigers in a tailsip!

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered Friday night as they were bombed by the offensive weapons of the Highland Home Flying Squadron 47-14, in Highland Home.

The loss left the Tigers with an 0-6 record, while Highland Home improved its slate to 4-2 with the win.

Highland Home received the opening kickoff and overcame a major distance penalty to drive 51 yards in just four plays to grab an early lead. The touchdown came on a 48-yard scamper by Shaun May, and while the extra-point attempt was blocked by Elba's Michael Reed, the Squadron was ahead 6-0 with 10:06 remaining in the opening quarter.

Highland Home began its next series at its own 39-yardline, and this time marched to a first down at the Elba 24-yardline behind the running of John May and D.J. Chambers. A four-yard loss on a tackle by Brandon Salter slowed the march; however, and the Tigers turned back the threat on fourth down when Dougie Pierson stopped Highland Home's Justin Tadlock short of the chains after a 7-yard pass completion.

The Flying Squadron's next possession started at the Elba 47-yardline, and lasted only one play, as on first down Highland Home's Shaun May again got the call and this time raced 47 yards for his second touchdown of the quarter. A two-point pass from D.J. Chambers to

Ben Mison was successful, and with 4:26 left in the first quarter the Squadron's lead was 14-0.

Highland Home added to its lead on the very next play from scrimmage, as J.D. Daniel stepped in front of a Brandon Petty pass and returned the interception 35 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try was wide, but with 4:06 still left in the opening stanza Highland Home was already in command with a 20-0 lead.

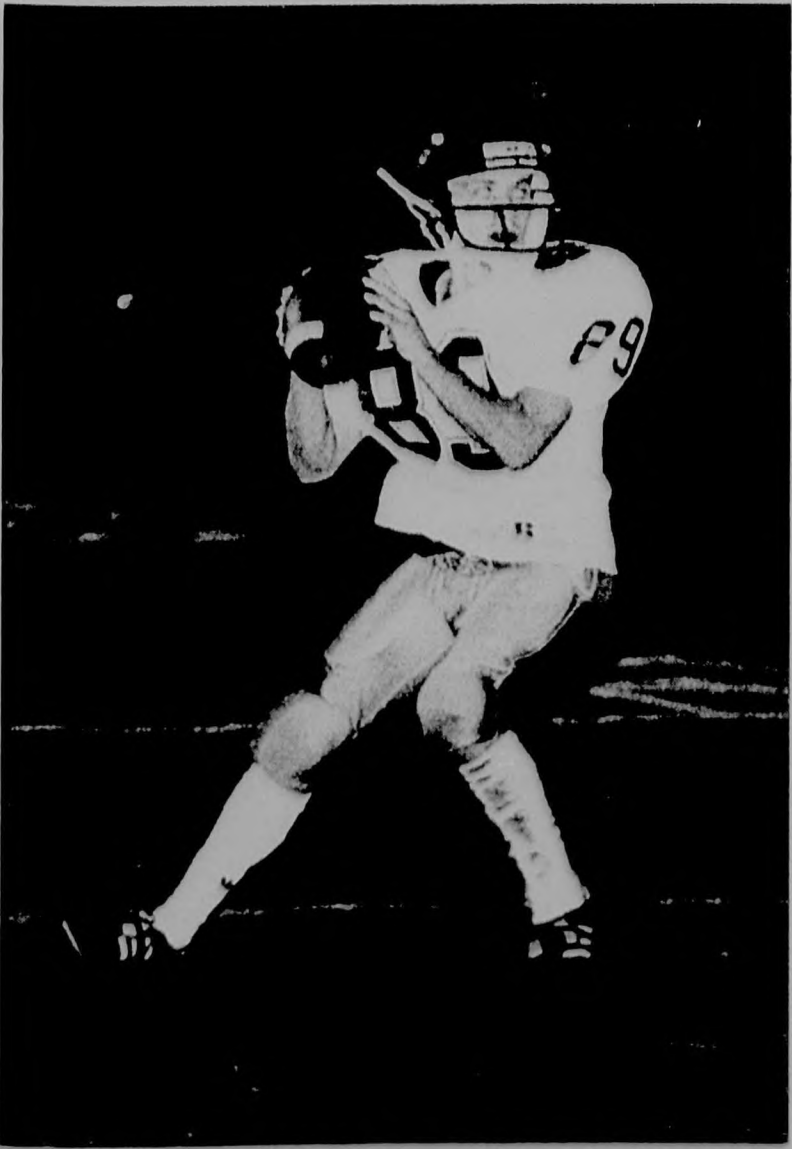
The Flying Squadron began their next possession at their own 26-yardline, and this time needed four plays to cover the 71 yards to the endzone. A 20-yard run by D.J. Chambers and a 12-yard scamper by John May got the drive off to a quick start, while the touchdown came on a 42-yard run by May. D.J. Chambers ran in the two-point conversion as Highland Home moved ahead 28-0 with 1:34 remaining in the opening stanza.

Highland Home's next possession began at the Elba 25-yardline after a botched attempt at a fake punt, and it took the Squadron two plays to get back into the endzone, as on second down D.J. Chambers lofted a 19-yard touchdown pass to Shaun May. The extra-point try was wide, but with 11:02 left in the second quarter the Flying Squadron had left the runway and was flying high with a lopsided 34-0 lead.

Elba, which had failed to make a first down on its first five possessions of the game, finally showed signs of life offensively on its ensuing possession as the Tigers moved to a first down at the Highland



Elba wide-receiver Chris Turner (89) looks downfield for a pass during the game. Brandon Petty (7) fires a pass deep downfield behind the pass protection of teammate Brian Brunson (68). Petty completed 9 passes for 95 yards and 1 touchdown in the loss to Highland Home.



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Home 37-yardline. A 15-yard run by Josh Moultry and a 23-yard gain on a screen pass from Brandon Petty to Michael Sams were key plays in the drive. However, the scoring opportunity ended on a pass interception at the Highland Home 35.

The Tigers got the ball back at the Highland Home 38-yardline after a short punt and a major distance penalty against the Squadron, and this time drove into the end zone for their first points of the night!

A 27-yard scamper by Josh Moultry was a big play in the four-play scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 3-yard run by Michael Sams. Chris Turner added the extra-point, and with 5:11 remaining in the half the Tigers were on the scoreboard, but still trailing 34-7.

Highland Home began its first possession of the third quarter at its own 37-yardline following an Elba punt, and immediately added to its lead as on the first play from scrimmage John May broke loose and raced down the sidelines 65 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try was wide, but Highland Home had upped its lead to 40-7 with 9:58 still left in the third quarter.

The Flying Squadron began their next series at the Highland Home 35-yardline after yet another Elba punt, and this time marched 65 yards in seven plays to score their final points of the night. A 19-yard scamper by Jeremy Robinson got the drive off to a fast start, and while D.J. Chambers added 26 yards on three carries, it was John May that scored the touchdown on an 8-yard dash. Doug Norman booted the extra-point, and with 2:39 remaining in the third quarter Highland Home's lead had grown to 47-7.

The Tigers put the ball in play at their own 20-yardline on their ensuing possession and drove 80 yards in six plays to score their second touchdown of the game.

Brandon Petty completed passes of 27 yards to Marcus Henderson and 21 yards to Michael Sams to get the drive off to a quick start, while a 15-yard scamper by Josh Moultry moved the Tigers to a first down at the Highland Home 17-yardline. A pass interference penalty against the Squadron moved Elba to the 8, and on the next play Petty hit Henderson with an 8-yard pass for the Tiger touchdown. Chris Turner added the extra-point, and with 10:55 left in the game Highland Home's lead stood 47-14.

Elba recovered a fumble on an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff to get the ball right back, and the Tigers quickly headed back toward the Highland Home endzone.

A 15-yard run by Todd Horstead and an 11-yard gain on a screen pass from Brandon Petty to Michael Sams were key plays in the drive, as the Tigers reached a first down at the Flying Squadron 14. The Tigers got as close as the 8-yardline after a run by Horstead, but could get no closer, and turned the ball over on downs, as Highland Home held on and posted the big 47-14 win.

Josh Moultry gained 70 yards on 10 carries to lead the Tigers on the ground, while Todd Horstead added 22 yards on 2 carries and Michael Sams gained 17 yards on 5 carries and caught 4 passes for 58 yards.

Brandon Petty completed 9 of 18 passes for 96 yards and 1 touchdown, while Sams leading receiver way with 4 receptions for 58 yards, followed by Marcus Henderson with 2 catches for 35 yards.

The Elba defense was led by Josh Moultry, Michael Reed, Brandon Salter and Gavin Moulidin, all with 3 tackles and 1 assist.

Highland Home was led offensively by John May with 160 yards on 7 carries, while Shaun May added 102 yards on 4 carries and D.J. Chambers gained 55 yards on 9 totes.

STATISTICS

E	H
10	1st Downs 13
88	Rushing Yds. 372
96	Passing Yds. 28
184	Total Offense 400
9:22-2	Passes 37-0
2/0	Fumbles/Lost 4/1
5-31	Punts-Ave. 1-30
48	Penalty Yds. 54



TIGER TOUCHDOWN! Elba tight-end Marcus Henderson (8) drags two Highland Home defenders over the goal line as he scores the Tigers' second touchdown of the night. The Tigers will host W.S. Neal this week for "Homecoming" and will need a win over the Eagles to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Junior Tigers edge Opp 14-8

The Elba Junior Tigers put an end to their three-game losing streak last Tuesday night by posting an exciting 14-8 win over the Opp Junior Bobcats, in Opp.

The loss averted an early-season loss to the Junior Bobcats and improved Elba's record to 2-3.

Elba's Todd Horstead recovered a Bobcat fumble early in the opening stanza, and later scored on a 15-yard run to give the Junior Tigers the early lead. Garrett Bowers passed for the two-point conversion, and with 5:15 remaining in the first quarter Elba was on top 8-0.

Opp pulled even at 8-8 with 3:47 remaining in the half, and that was how the score remained until the fourth quarter, when Garrett Bowers tossed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Raylton Moore. The two-point try failed, however, with 6:00 left on the clock Elba was back on top 14-8.

Opp appeared to catch the Junior Tigers late in the game, but a holding penalty wiped out a 4-3 yard touchdown run, and a fourth down pass fell incomplete with only :02 remaining, as Elba held on for the 14-8 win.



Elba coaches and players talk it over during halftime Friday night in Highland Home. Pictured above are (l-r) Coach Mike Waters, Coach Julius Head, Carson Waters and Brandon Salter.

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SPORTS

Remains unbeaten in Region 2 action

Brantley cages Purple Cats 27-0

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs returned home Friday night to battle the Arton Purple Cats in an important Class 1A, Region 2 contest, and watched as Andy Johnson completed two touchdown passes to Jon Barry Roberts and ran for another score to lead the Bulldogs to a 27-0 victory.

Brantley got on the scoreboard first with a 58-yard drive that took 10 plays. The touchdown came when Andy Johnson carried around right end on a 6-yard option play, and Greg Daniels added the extra-point, as the Bulldogs grabbed a 7-0 lead with 3:01 remaining in the first quarter.

A seven yard Arton punt on the Purple Cats' ensuing possession set the Bulldogs up at the Arton 35-yardline, and on third down Tyrell Knighten took the handoff and went straight up the middle 29 yards for Brantley's second score of the night. The extra-point try failed, but with 11:16 left in the half the Bulldogs' lead was up to 13-0.

Brantley covered 70 yards in only two plays on its next possession to again make the scoreboard lights flicker. The touchdown came when Andy Johnson hit Jon Barry Roberts on a slant pattern, and Roberts outraced the Purple Cat secondary 40 yards into the end zone. Daniels booted the extra-point, and with 8:17 remaining in the second quarter Brantley was on its way to the win with a 20-0 advantage.

Arton took the ensuing kickoff and drove from its own 20-yardline to the Brantley 3. On first and goal, Arton's Johnny Key took a pitch-out around the left end, only to find Greg Daniels waiting. Daniels hit Key in the backfield, stripped the ball loose, and Brantley's Chancey Burnett recovered the fumble to stop the scoring threat.

Brantley carried 20-0 lead into the second half, but wasted little time to make the quarter adding to

Elba Jammers post 2-1 fast-pitch win

The Elba Jammers fast-pitch softball team closed out its fall season on a winning note recently with a 2-1 win over Opp.

Opp jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning and held the slim lead until the third, when the Jammers scored 2 runs to grab the lead for good at 2-1. Krystan Parker and Heather Reeves drew walks to open the third inning for the Jammers, and both raced home when Brittany Caldwell delivered a two-run single up the middle.

Brittany Daniels got the only hit for the Jammers in the winning effort, while pitchers Melanie Mullar and Shamba Jones combined to toss a 1-hitter and struck out six batters.

its advantage!

On the Bulldogs' first possession of the quarter, Andy Johnson found a streaking Jon Barry Roberts behind the Arton defense, and connected with the speedy receiver for a 52-yard touchdown pass. Greg Daniels added the extra-point, and Brantley's lead was up to 27-0 with 9:49 remaining in the third quarter.

The two defensive units dominated the action for the remainder of the game, as neither team could muster a scoring threat, and Brantley held on to post the 27-0 region win over the Purple Cats.

Brantley's Darrell Owens gained 69 yards on 12 carries to lead the Bulldogs on the ground, while Tyrell Knighten added 60 yards on 7 totes. Andy Johnson connected on 3 passes for 95 yards and 2 touchdowns, with Jon Barry Roberts pulling in both scoring strikes. Johnson also led the Bulldog defense with 8 solo stops.

Johnny Key led Arton with 73 yards on 11 carries.

STATISTICS

B	1st Downs	A
11	1st Downs	12
34-204	Rushes-Yds.	33-100
95	Passing Yds.	72
299	Total Offense	172
0	Fumbles Lost	2
32	Return Yds.	62
3-8-0	Passes	5-17-0
10-35	Penalties-Yds.	4-55
4-3-6	Punts-Ave.	6-29



Brantley cheerleader Jessica Smith gets no rest during half-time as she performs with the Brantley High School Emerald Wave Marching Band.

New Brockton watches as Houston County rallies in second half to post big 35-0 win

From Staff Reports

The New Brockton Gamecocks hung tough for two quarters Friday night with the highly-ranked Houston County Lions, but ran out of gas in the second half and watched as the undefeated Lions pulled away to post a 35-0 win.

The win improved Houston County's record to 6-0, while the Gamecocks slipped to 0-6 with the

loss.

The New Brockton defense battled the high-powered Houston County offense on near even terms throughout the opening half, with the only scores the Lions could manage coming on a 5-yard run by Norris Drinkard and a 6-yard scamper by Kevin Baze.

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they scored 21 points in the third quarter to pull out to a 35-0 advantage.

The third quarter scores came on a 40-yard run by Aaron McGriff, a 10-yard run by Jeremy Berry and a 57-yard punt return by Norris Drinkard.

Jeremy Berry gained 114 yards on 8 carries to lead Houston County, while Norris Drinkard added 113 yards on 12 totes.

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Handheld GPS Units Are Becoming Popular With Sportsmen

For anyone who spends time outdoors, chances are there is a GPS in their future. In fact, the latest generation of hand-held GPS (Global Positioning System) receivers are more affordable and user-friendly for those who enjoy fishing, boating, hiking and camping. With the recent elimination of signal error created by the government, GPS can now offer greater accuracy.

Even though GPS navigation isn't new to most outdoor enthusiasts, one of the biggest questions for most people is "How can I use a GPS?" According to experts at Magellan Corp., the leading manufacturer of hand-held GPS receivers, there are many uses and applications, but first you have to understand the basics of how GPS works.

GPS consists of a constellation of satellites deployed by the U.S. Government that continually transmit precise information on time and their location, 24 hours a day. Using GPS receiver, people can determine their position by locking onto at least three satellites, and their elevation by locking onto four.

Once you've recorded your position or the location of a favorite stream, lake or trail in the receiver's memory, it will guide you back to these locations anytime in any kind of weather.

As you prepare for fall outdoors activities, you may want to consider purchasing a GPS unit for one or several of the following activities:

Hunting-Now is a great time for pre-season scouting. Spend some time ahead scouting for deer trails, tree

stand locations and feeding areas. Quail hunters can take a reading where they found that covey of Bobwhites that had been eluding them and squirrel hunters can return to that "hotspot" for bushy-tits.

Fishing-With a GPS receiver you can put an electronic "X" on the water to mark underwater structure and other productive areas. Just follow the arrow and compass directions on the handheld satellite navigation

to return time after time.

Camping-Record the location of your camp to make it easier to find after exploring the surrounding area. Even the kids will enjoy plotting their day hikes with a GPS receiver, and it makes them more aware of where they are and how to use maps. Secluded spots can be recorded and the coordinates shared with friends.

Hiking-Once the trail and key junctions have been logged in the receiver's memory, your GPS will ensure that you make no wrong turns on your way home.

Off-Road travel-Whether you travel by mountain bike, all-terrain vehicle or sport utility vehicle, a GPS and topo map will help you find your way off the beaten path and back again. When on vacation you can record the locations of ghost towns, waterfalls, picnic spots and other points of interest.

In the last few years GPS units have become smaller, extremely accurate, and much less expensive with some units beginning around \$100. If you are having trouble finding that relocated tree stand in the dark, a GPS may be just what you need.

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SPORTS

Keep playoff hopes alive

Rebels outscore Wildcats 40-28

By Randy Winters, Sportswriter

The Zion Chapel Rebels kept their playoff hopes alive and evened their record at 3-3 last Thursday night as they crushed the Florala Wildcats' homecoming party and left town with a wild 40-28 win.

The win left the Rebels with a 2-region slate, while the loss left Florala with an 0-6 record, 0-3 in the region.

Zion Chapel appeared to be in complete command in the first half as the Rebels put three touchdowns on the scoreboard and went in at the half with a 20-7 advantage.

The Rebel scores came on a 46-yard scamper by Josh Mehaffey, a 32-yard pass from Marcus Taylor to Josh McWaters and a 5-yard dash by Taylor, while the lone Wildcat touchdown came on a 16-yard run by Demetrius Henderson.

Florala pulled within 20-14 with 5:57 remaining in the third quarter on a 26-yard touchdown run by Henderson, and then pulled even at 20-20 late in the third quarter on a 33-yard scamper by Matt Geohagen.

A 55-yard kickoff return by Zion Chapel's Josh Mehaffey on the ensuing kick seemed to revive the Rebels, as Zion Chapel quickly moved down field to regain the lead.

The Rebels got a scare when they fumbled inches from the goal line; however, the Rebels' Josh Mehaffey recovered the fumble to keep the drive alive, and Adam Blake scored on the next play to put Zion Chapel back on top. Marcus Taylor booted the extra-point, and the Rebels were back on top 27-20.



Zion Chapel's Josh McWaters (21) heads for the endzone after pulling in a Marcus Taylor pass. The Rebels defeated Florala 40-28 last week to improve their record to 3-3, and this week will host the Alabama School for the Deaf.

Zion Chapel got the ball back on a Florala fumble, and wasted little time adding to its lead, as Marcus Taylor hit Josh McWaters on a 21-yard touchdown toss. Taylor added the extra-point, and with 7:02 remaining on the clock the Rebels were back in charge with a 34-20 advantage.

Florala turned the ball over on a fumble, and the Rebels promptly put the game away as Taylor again teamed up with McWaters, this time on a 42-yard touchdown strike, as Zion Chapel moved ahead 40-20.

Florala's Matt Geohagen scored on a 12-yard run with :18 left on the clock, but it only changed the final score, as Zion Chapel left with the wild 40-28 win.

STATISTICS

ZC	1st Downs	F
10	1st Downs	13
31-203	Rushes-Yds.	52-151
127	Passing Yds.	56
330	Total Offense	207
6-15-1	Passes	5-12-0
2-23	Punts-Ave.	3-23
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
4-45	Penalties-Yds.	5-40

Jack Assembly of God to host 5th Quarter Social Friday night

Jack Assembly of God Church will sponsor a 5th Quarter Social on Friday night, Oct. 13. The Social will begin immediately after the Zion Chapel football game and will end at Midnight. Everyone is invited to attend.

Former members of "Sound of the South" invited to perform at Homecoming

Former members of Troy State University's "Sound of the South" marching band are invited to perform at the homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 28.

This annual performance of the alumni band will begin with a TSU alumni band officers meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Hawkins Adams Long Hall of Honor. The 10 a.m. meeting at Hawkins Adams Long Hall of Honor welcomes all alumni band members and will be followed

by field rehearsal. At 11:30 a.m., the alumni band members will return to the Hall of Honor for a covered dish lunch. The alumni band will assemble behind the "Sound of the South" marching band at 1:50 p.m. and will participate in the Trojan Walk to Richard S. Hall at Memorial Stadium.

The game between TSU and Nicholls State University Cougars is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Elba Lions Club Benefit Hunt to be held Oct. 14

The 5th Annual U.K.C. Licensed Elba Lions Club Benefit Hunt sponsored by The Elba County Coonhunters Association will be held at the American Legion Building on the Troy Highway, Saturday, October 14.

The Bench Show will be at 3:00 p.m. with an entry fee will be of \$15.00. A Nite Hunt deadline will be at 7:00 p.m. and the entry fee for this event will be \$20.00.

An auction and a Kid's Bench Show will be held between the adult Bench Show and Nite Hunt. Everybody is invited to come out and support the Elba Lions Club.

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Frequent winners win again at South Alabama

by Mark Chisum

Recently there have been a lot of first time winners at South Alabama Speedway. Saturday night that was the case as all the feature winners had already visited victory lane this year.

Royce Johnston picked up his 10th Limited Late Model Feature win. Johnston took the lead from Bet Rogers on lap 8 to take his latest win. Rogers, who has gotten stronger each week, finished second for the second time in three races. Ed Baker came back from a lap 3 spin to finish third. Mike Henderson and Marty Carrett were fourth and fifth.

Jody Henderson took the lead for good on lap 10 to win his 9th Super Stock Feature. Henderson battled with Corey Dunn between laps six and 10 before clearing Dunn on the tenth circuit. Mark Broderick also got by Dunn to finish second. Justin Bellard was fourth and Ray Hudson fifth.

In IMCA Modified, Jeff Rudd scored his 15th victory of the year. Rudd took the lead on lap four and went on to an easy win. Wayne Schneider finished second. Damon Hammond was third. Mike Hasty fourth, and Jamie Ater fifth. Jason Kendrick won his fifth Street Stock Feature of the season. Kendrick led flag to flag to take the win. Kendrick was able to pull away as the field was swapping paint behind him. Scott Whitehead finished a distant second. Jason Jones was third, Johnny Senn fourth, and

IMCA Modified
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2. Wayne Schneider
3. Damon Hammond
4. Mike Hasty
5. Jamie Ater
6. Kevin Peel
7. Randy Sherwood
8. Tom Galtbreath
9. Tim Skiba
DNS: Jacob Permenter, Curtis Galbreath, Maylon Palmer

Street Stock
1. Jason Kendrick
2. Scott Whitehead
3. Jason Jones
4. Johnny Senn
5. Ken Adkins
6. Danny Cooper
7. Mark Bell
8. Brian Martin
9. Michael Tillery

Roadrunner
1. Timbo Kendrick
2. Harold Hurt
3. Tim Hudson
4. Jamie Bowers
5. Mike Boykin Jr.
6. Josh Tomlin
7. Wendell Spivey
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HERE COME THE REBELS! The Zion Chapel Rebels take the field for last week's Region 2 clash against the Florala Wildcats. The Rebels outscored the Wildcats 40-28 to even their Region record at 2-2, and their overall record at 3-3.



A Kinston receiver goes high to pull in a pass in front of the Pleasant Home defender. The Bulldogs defeated the Eagles 20-19 last week to improve their record to 3-3, 3-1 in Class 1A, Region 2 action. Kinston will travel to Skipperville this week to tangle with Region rival G.W. Long. Kickoff will be at 7:00 PM.

Kinston Bulldogs rally in fourth quarter to defeat Pleasant Home Eagles 20-19

By Clint Cowen, Sportswriter

The Kinston Bulldogs continued their march toward the Class 1A football playoffs Friday night with an exciting 20-19 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles, in Pleasant Home.

The win evened Kinston's record at 3-3 and improved the Bulldogs' region record to 3-1, while Pleasant Home slipped to 1-5 on the season.

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Pleasant Home came out ready to play in front of a large home crowd and gave its fans something to cheer about early as the Eagles scored the first points of the night to grab a quick lead. A key play in the scoring drive was a 15-yard pass from Josh McCraney to Christopher Huckabaw, while the touchdown came with 7:03 left in the first quarter on a 6-yard scamper by Author Coleman. Levi Cotton added the extra-point, and the Eagles were on the scoreboard first with a 7-0 lead.

Kinston failed to score in the opening quarter, but pulled even in the second quarter when Cody Sansom scrambled to avoid a heavy Eagle pass rush and found Tim Whigham wide open behind the Pleasant Home defense for a 41-yard touchdown pass. Donnie Sansom booted the extra-point, and with 8:58 remaining in the half the Bulldogs had caught the Eagles at 7-7.

Pleasant Home bounced right back following the Kinston touchdown and needed less than two minutes to regain the lead. The Eagle score came on a second down and 11 at the Bulldog 30-yardline, when Josh McCraney connected with Christopher Huckabaw across the middle, and Huckabaw outran the Bulldog defenders to the endzone. Huckabaw fumbled after being hit near the goal line, but recovered his own fumble in the Bulldog drive alive on Kinston's ensuing possession, and Driggers later scored on a 9-yard dash as the "Dogs regained the lead. A two-point pass attempt failed to connect, but with 1:38 remaining in the third quarter Pleasant Home was ahead 19-14 in the important region battle.

Kinston's Bo Driggers broke loose on a 36-yard run on a fourth down and four gamble to keep the Bulldog drive alive on Kinston's ensuing possession, and Driggers later scored on a 9-yard dash as the "Dogs regained the lead. A two-point pass attempt failed to connect, but with 1:38 remaining in the third quarter Pleasant Home was ahead 19-14 in the important region battle.

The Bulldogs were not out for long, as Kinston needed only two plays to get right back in the endzone!

The touchdown came on a 51-yard dash by Patrick Nelson, and Donnie Sansom again added the extra-point, as Kinston moved ahead for the first time at 14-13 with 5:15 remaining in the half.

Pleasant Home got a break late in the third quarter when the Bulldogs were flagged for roughing the kicker on an Eagle punt attempt at the Kinston 35-yardline. The penalty gave the Eagles a first down at the

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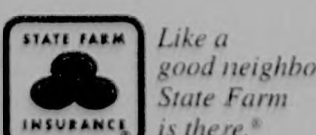
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